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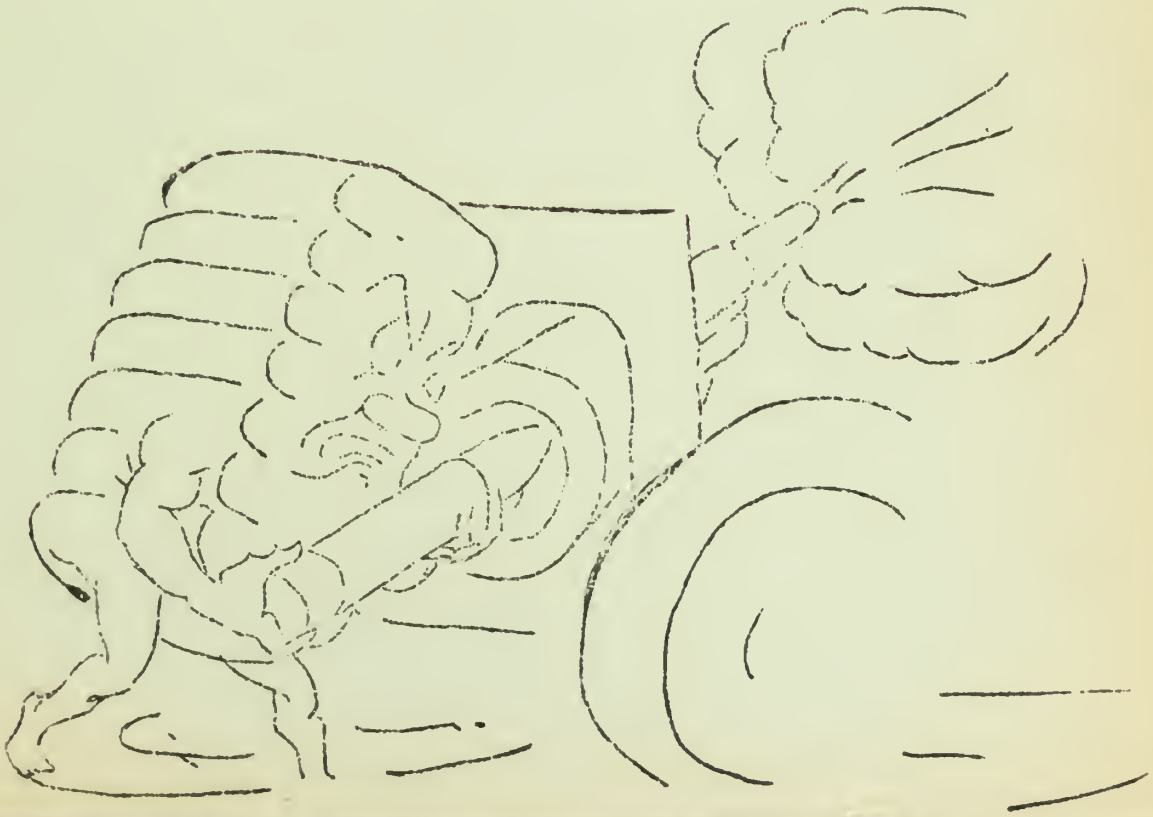

NEW MEXICO COTTON PROGRAM IMPRESSES SOUTHERN SPECIALIST

A specialist who came to New Mexico A & M to study the state's cotton program and stayed to admire it will be back in "de land ob cotton" this week with stories to tell about how New Mexico gets the job done.

He is I. O. Schaub, director of the North Carolina Extension Service, who is studying extension work in cotton production in behalf of the National Cotton Council.

Director Schaub was particularly impressed with the state's one-variety community system, its participation in the Smith-Doxey classing service, the quality of New Mexico gins, and cotton farmers' progressive practices. "We could use some farmers of that type at home," he said.

Director Schaub met with A. B. Fite, H. L. Hildwein, and John T. Stovall, of the Extension Service; Dr. G. N. Stroman and Glen Staten, of A & M's Experiment Station; and A. R. Leding, head of the USDA field station at State College.

CONSERVATION BUILDS DEBACA RANCH

Conservation practices have increased the value of his ranch by more than a third, according to Elbert Overton, chairman of the DeBaca County Soil Conservation District board of supervisors.

Mr. Overton has built more than 400 diversion dams, contour-furrowed 250 acres, and increased the number of his wells and stock tanks. He has also rearranged his pastures so that he can follow a rotation system of grazing.

WESTERN RANCHERS WILL GET MORE PELLETS

Because of the cooperation of processers, substantial supplies of pellets will be ready for March delivery, according to A. D. Woofter of the State AAA Committee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

There were 40 candles on the U. S. Forest Service's birthday cake last week as foresters, forest rangers, and smoke chasers paused to commemorate the founding of the organization.

In its 40 years in New Mexico, the Forest Service has constructed and maintained 331 miles of forest highways, 2,390 miles of good forest development roads, and 1,961 miles of trails in the state's seven national forests. The Forest Service has also developed eight winter sports areas and 129 picnic and camping sites.

READING AND 'RITING AND PINTO BEANS

The War Food Administration can still help a few more schools plan school-lunch programs this year, Gordon Wood, WFA's district representative, said today. At present 200 cooperating schools and child-care centers are serving meals to more than 20,000 children.

WFA has allocated $270,400 for reimbursing lunch programs in New Mexico. In addition, WFA gave 21 carloads of food to participating schools in 1944.

RACC LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation loans will be available again this year, _____, chariman of the _____ County AAA Committee, said today. Eligible producers can apply for these loans immediately.

DIG, DIG, DIG

"We need 362,000,000 acres of crops--an area larger than France, Germany, and the British Isles," says War Food Administrator Marvin Jones. "This means hard work. It means growing and conserving and sharing our food, for food is the fuel of victory."

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CANADIAN RIVER DISTRICT MARCHES ON

Nearly 6,000 acres of land in the Canadian River Soil Conservation District are now being farmed on the contour, and more than 14,000 are using proper tillage and crop residues as insurance against wind erosion.

According to a 1944 progress report by Don Fleming, Chairman of the board of supervisors, the district has also assisted ranchers in building water spreaders and stock tanks. Last year the district helped members seed 600 acres of abandoned fields to pasture grasses. The district's "mesquite-dozer" cleared more than 1000 acres of mesquite-infested land during the year.

ODT READY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW TRUCKS

With 35,704 light trucks scheduled for production in 1945, the Office of Defense Transportation is now ready to accept applications, C. V. Hemphill, chairman of the State AAA Committee, said today.

Farmers and ranchers interested in applying for new trucks can get the necessary forms in their county AAA office.

"According to the production schedule, 17,756 light trucks are to be produced during the first half of this year," Mr. Hemphill said. "Approximately sixty per cent of the new trucks will go to agricultural applicants."

SEED FOR FIGHTERS

When the United States ships 20,000 tons of seeds to the Russians for spring planting, the means of producing food that would fill thousands of ships will be supplied in the space of about two cargo ships.

Behind this seed shipment is the story of an important war-time adjustment. In pre-war days the U. S. was a seed importer, producing only a fraction of the seed required to sow American crops. Now we are exporting to our fighting allies as well as supplying our own requirements.

FARM BRIEFS

WFA officials estimate that binder twine supplies will be adequate in 1945.

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Farmers who will need canvas this year can start looking for substitutes. There won't be enough to go around.

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If you need more ammunition than you've been getting, see your dealer. You may be eligible to apply to the War Production Board in Washington for more.

FCIC OFFERS CROP INSURANCE ON 1945 UPLAND COTTON

Producers of American upland cotton may insure their 1945 crops against loss up to 75 per cent of their average yield, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has announced. Farmers may also insure their cottonseed.

Contracts will be available at a later date to all cotton producers: share croppers, tenants, and owners, who should make applications through County AAA offices. A farmer must complete his contract prior to his earliest planting date or a date set by FCIC for his area, whichever is earlier. Before a farmer may obtain insurance, a minimum of 50 applications or applications from a third of the cotton farms in the county, whichever is smaller, are required.

County AAA Committees will soon announce further details of the program.

CARE-SHARE-REPAIR PROGRAM STILL NECESSARY

Even if manufacturing schedules are met--and they're now far behind, 1945 supplies of new machinery will not meet essential needs. Hence the care-share-and-repair efforts which have pulled farmers through many tough spots must be vigorously continued.

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